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exit slits and forming a plurality of fluid streams of plastic B with gaps between each stream of said plastic B by passing a fluid stream of plastic B through said plurality of exit ports, so that said fluid streams of said plastic A exit said pair of exit slits and said fluid streams of plastic B exit said plurality of exit ports in such a manner to result in a portion of said fluid streams of said plastic A passing through said gaps between each stream of said plastic B to effect fusion of said pair of fluid streams of said plastic A, to obtain said composite.]

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

New Claim 10 has been added, and is supported by Claim 1 of U.S. 6,280,671B1, which is the patent that issued from the parent application herein.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 9 and 10 are now pending in the application.

REMARKS

The rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. 5,876,804 (Kodama et al), is respectfully traversed. Kodama et al has a U.S. filing date of May 16, 1997, which is its 35 U.S.C. §102(e) date. The present application, on the other hand, is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/396,645, filed on March 1, 1995 (now the above-referenced U.S. 6,280,671B1), which is a division of application No. 08/286,514, filed August 5, 1994. Thus, Applicants are entitled to a filing date of August 5, 1994 under 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, Kodama et al is not prior art herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 4,182,606 (Gibbon), is respectfully traversed. The Examiner relies on Figure 6 therein as showing